

**BLACKO PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING 28 APRIL 2020**  
**{BY CONFERENCE CALL}**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Parish Cllrs N Hodgson P Hesketh R Fewster  
D Stone D Whalley N McEvoy H Wager

K Wood Clerk

1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

To approve the minutes of the test meeting held on 24.03.20 – Proposed Cllr Hesketh seconded Cllr Fewster. All approved.

3. **MATTERS HELD OVER**

1. Malkin Close & 20 mile an hour speed limit – Ongoing, Cllr Hodgson will order 2 signs, Cllr Hesketh confirmed that donations to fund the signs had been received.
2. Village Website revitalisation – Ongoing –Cllr Hodgson has been in contact with Roy, who has recovered from his operation. Cllr Hodgson will try to move this forward, but with social distancing at present all contact is via email/phone.
3. Any illegally parked vehicles to be reported LCC – Ongoing. Cllr Hodgson said he had received an email from Cllr Whipp – which gave the response from LCC as “little chance of enforcement due to where it is situated”. Cllr Hodgson said he would circulate the email, and the Clerk to contact LCC and cc Cllr Whipp into the email stating that the Parish Council was not happy with this response, what was the point of yellow lines / no parking if they were not going to enforce it. – Clerk to respond
4. White lines on Barnoldswick Road – Awaiting LCC. Discussion followed with regards to the flooding on Barnoldswick road and to the manhole lifting outside the Cross Gaits. It was agreed the Clerk would contact Cllr Whipp and see if he had made any headway in repairs in this area - Clerk
5. Community Improvement Grant / Sport England – Football Pitch/Running Track - Cllr Hodgson reported that since our last full meeting in February a number of points need to be clarified.
  - a. 2 Estimates have now been received, Cllr Hodgson contacted the cheaper of the options, with further information on the correct size of the Football pitch required and the contractor reviewed his costing and has come back with a cost of £9,140.00 plus VAT. This is to include the re sizing of the football pitch and the laying of the exercise track around the football pitch two person wide as to the original details
  - b. Sport England have closed all applications for Grant funding till at least July, due to Covid 19.
  - c. Funding at present consists of £1540.00 CIF, this amount has been received, B & W Parishes, £1,000.

Cllr Hodgson asked his fellow Cllrs, their opinion of the way forward – did they feel we should – **1.** Wait till Sport England opened up for grants again or **2.** Proceed with the Parish Council funding the short fall. A discussion followed, but as the Project had already been voted on the issue now was how to proceed. Cllr Fewster Proposed and Cllr Hodgson Seconded the following proposal

**Proposal:** Contact the contractor and see when he feels he can start on the works. If he can start more or less straight away, go ahead and fund via Parish Council – with possible donation from the Events committee towards the costs and the grants already received. If the contractor cannot start straight away and the grant options opens, go down that route. A vote was taken. 5 Cllrs were in favour, 1 Cllr was against and 1 Cllr abstained. The project will continue as proposed. Cllr Whalley broached the subject of his proposal to plant an orchard along the edge of the recreation ground, this was discussed and would be followed up as the next possible project – Discussed further under the Agenda Item

6. Cold Calling Zone – Clerk stated no response so far from LCC with regards to the outcome of the responses to the letters regarding the proposals. It was agreed that LCC colleagues were probably, like others working from home at the moment. Clerk to contact LCC before the next meeting for an update
7. Boules court needing some treatment – Cllr Hesketh reported that the Lenghtsman was only completing emergency works at present. Cllr Hesketh offered to treat the area with weed killer and see how we get on.
8. Update on Allotment Tenant – The allotment is now being worked – Can be removed from the Agenda. Cllr Stone mentioned the Invoices for payment of Allotments and Car parking space, which the Cllr had put on hold due to Covid 19, Cllr Stone has been approached by a number of allotment holder who have stated they were quite happy to receive the invoices and to pay. Cllr Stone proposed the invoice be sent out , this was seconded by Cllr Hodgson, All were in favour – Clerk to action
9. Pick up after your dog signs – PBC would support signs – Any update of signs – Clerk requested to contact David Walker PBC
10. Invite to Gail Barton – Our Lancashire – Gail to attend the April Meeting ( I have emailed Gail and postponed her attendance till we are back to normal)
11. River Ribble Trust – Possible Tree planting – Cllr Whalley gave a brief update on the idea behind this possible initiative, with the benefits of involving the school children with the planning of fruit trees, and the benefits to the planet as well as possible free fruit for the village, trees ideally should be planted in November. The Clerk to contact the River Ribble trust, and Lee @ PCB.
12. Standing Order – It was agreed that the Government Guidelines issued in respect of holding virtual meetings be added as an appendix to the Standing Orders. – Clerk

4. **PLANNING**

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990 APPLICATION: 20/0243/FUL PROPOSAL:**

Full: Construction of two three-bedroom detached dwellings and one pair of semidetached dwellings (Re-Submission). AT: Garage Site Back Gisburn Road Blacko FOR: Mr Mark Sugden CONSULTATION Deadline: Please send me your comments by: 12th May 2020

After discussion it was agreed that the Neil Hodgson would issue a proposed response to all Cllrs to agree, before sending to Pendle. All agreed the site would be better with some houses on, but they need to be in keeping with the other cottages in the area.

5. **REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

Cllr McEvoy reported he was getting weekly Covid 19 updates, mostly PBC staff were working from home. Community hub is up and working and helping the vulnerable. There was no B & W P meeting in May, and possibly June's meeting may take place but in a larger room to enable social distancing, but not known as present.

6. **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

It was agreed that the Clerk contact the County Councillors, and explain the format of the meeting, and give them the options to join in.

7. **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

As above in Borough Councillors report

8. **RECREATION GROUND AND ALLOTMENTS**

Inspection carried out. Play equipment still coned off. First grass cut of the season, looks a bit messy, but will probably look better after the next cut.

9. **FINANCE**

**Proposals for Payment**

**Expenditure**

Clerks Salary	£117.70
HMRC (Tax and NI 2019-2020)	£352.40
Defib Store	£86.40
P Hesketh Printer Ink	£37.00
P Hesketh Weed killer	£22.00

**Income**

VAT Refund	£1851.74
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Cllr Hodgson proposed the payments, Roy Fewster seconded. All in favour

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 26 May 2020 7.00pm (Via conference call)